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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Supplemental)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- ☐ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☒ National Stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional (see added page)
- ☐ continuation (see added page)
- ☐ continuation-in-part (see added page)

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name. I believe that the named inventor listed below is the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

ELECTRIC CONNECTING DEVICE

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on with an effective filing date of September 8, 2003 as  
☐ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or  
☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. (not yet known) and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- (c) ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
PCT/EP2003/009963 filed on September 8, 2003 and as amended under  
PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).
- (d) ☐ amended on \_\_\_\_\_

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint all of the practitioners associated with the **Customer No. 020210**, namely, Anthony G. M. Davis, Registration No. 27,868, Gary D. Clapp, Registration No. 29,055, Michael J. Bujold, Registration No. 32,018, Scott A. Daniels, Registration No. 42,462 and Jay S. Franklin, Registration No. 54,105, as attorneys and/or agents to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection therewith.

☐ Attached as part of this Declaration and Power of Attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application as defined in § 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me/us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
Germany	102 42 646.5	September 13, 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

☐ I hereby claim the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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DUTY OF CANDOR AND GOOD FAITH**

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Inherent in this is the duty to disclose any knowledge or belief that the invention:

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